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OVERVIEW

Marika E. Sitz helps clients evaluate, obtain, and protect water rights. In her practice, Marika provides practical counsel to help clients achieve their water right goals, including conducting water right diligence, responding to water right regulation, evaluating water use or water right acquisition options, interfacing with state and federal agencies, and developing creative solutions against the backdrop of water shortages and significant limitations on new water development. As part of her practice, Marika monitors water policy discussions and developments to ensure her advice is relevant and responsive to changes in Oregon's evolving water law landscape.

Marika was born and raised in rural Eastern Oregon but has lived and worked in some of the largest urban regions in the county and in the world, including Beijing, China. This varying experience has given Marika an understanding of the water challenges that are unique to rural and urban settings, and she uses this perspective to inform her work for clients in rural and urban areas of Oregon and Washington.

Prior to law school, Marika led the Oregon Water Coalition, a nonprofit organization focused on fostering a greater understanding about the role of water in agriculture. Marika maintains her commitment to advancing education about the wise use of this critical resource in her practice, and advocates for agricultural, special district, and irrigation district clients to highlight the important role they play in the efficient, sustainable use of water.

In addition to water rights matters, Marika regularly works on special district formation and governance matters and assists clients through all stages of agricultural and restoration-focused property transactions.

Education

- J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 2021
    - Environmental and Natural Resources Law Concentration
- B.A., Human Biology, concentration in Food and Agriculture Systems, Stanford University, 2015

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Membership and Activities

- Oregon Women for Agriculture (2024-Present)
- Oregon Water Resources Congress (2021-Present)
- Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition, Board of Directors (2017-2024)
- Oregon State Bar Environmental and Natural Resources Section Executive Committee (2022-2024)